Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1375

Introduced by

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Representatives Pyle, Howe, Mitskog, O'Brien, Roers Jones, Schreiber-Beck, Stemen Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Luick, Weber

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to a tuition credit incentivescholarship program for students taking
- 3 dual-credit courses while in high school; and to provide an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

<u>Dual-credit courses - Tuition creditscholarship program - Administered by the board.</u>

- The state board of higher education shall administer a dual-credit tuition

 creditscholarship program to offer a tuition credit incentivescholarship to students. The

 board shall adopt rulesprocedures to administer the program.
- 2. An eligible student may apply to the board to receive a creditscholarship toward the cost of tuition and fees at the institution of higher educationstate-approved postsecondary training program, tribal college, or private institution of higher education at which the student is enrolled. To be eligible to receive a creditscholarship, an individual must:
 - a. Be enrolled at an institution of higher education under the control of the state board of higher educationa state-approved postsecondary training program in the state, tribal college in the state, or private institution of higher education in the state;
 - b. Have completed at least one semester, quarter, or term at the institution of higher educationstate-approved postsecondary training program, tribal college, or private institution at which the student is enrolled;

c. Have graduated from a high school in the state or from a high school in a school district that borders the state, or have completed a program of home education under chapter 15.1-23; and

- d. Have completed at least one dual-credit course provided by an institution under the control of the state board of higher education while enrolled in high school or a program of home education in the state, or a high school in a school district that borders the state.
- 3. The state board of higher education shall provide an eligible student with a tuition credit scholarship equal to the cost of the dual-credit courses provided by an institution under the control of the state board of higher education completed by the student while in high school or a program of home education, in an amount not to exceedup to one thousand five hundred dollars. A scholarship received by a student during any semester, quarter, or term of enrollment under this section may not exceed the cost of tuition and fees for the semester, quarter, or term.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS. There is appropriated out of any moneys from the Bank of North Dakota's current earnings and undivided profits, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of providing tuition **eredits**scholarships to eligible students participating in the program under this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.